

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, The citizens of South Dakota stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and,

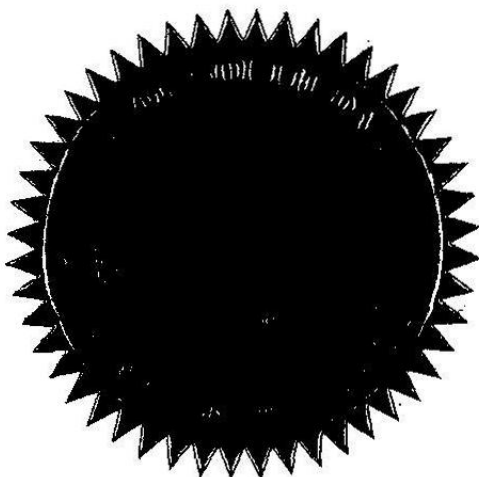
WHEREAS, The citizens of South Dakota understand the importance of community involvement in the education of our children and youth and that educational investment is in the best interest of the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, Read Across America, a national celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of South Dakota's children:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2003, as

READ ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State